

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008***

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Selectmen present were: Wes Moore and Michael Woodworth. Town Clerk Sue McKinnon was also in attendance. James McIlroy missed the meeting due to a previously scheduled vacation.

Wes signed appointments for two new police officers. Michael had previously signed the appointments.

At 6:45pm the Board went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II. The meeting returned to a public session at 7:00pm.

Checks were signed.

A Town Hall Rental Agreement was reviewed, approved, and signed by Wes and Michael.

The discussion on the Comcast Cable renewal contract was tabled until next week when the full board will be in attendance.

Correspondence from the Lane Law Offices was reviewed. Included in the correspondence was a copy of the decision issued by the Exeter District Court in the case of Donna Hanscom v. Sue McKinnon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Town of Newfields. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Town prevailed.

Primex invited the Administrative Assistant to join The Association of NH Public Employer Human Resource Administrators. The invitation was declined, but may be revisited at a future date.

Correspondence from McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton was reviewed with regard to the proposed extension to the cell tower.

A Legal Notice from the Newfields Planning Board was reviewed. Applications were submitted to the Planning Board from Cedar Island Ledge Property Management, LLC and Mary and James Vienneau.

A notice from the Newfields Water and Sewer District about arsenic in the water was reviewed. Ray Buxton posted a copy of the Notice in the Town Office.

The Selectmen were reminded that the Town Planner contract has not been signed. This was tabled until next week when James returns as he was the lead Selectman on this matter.

A Legal Notice from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town of Newmarket was reviewed. This is for a variance request on Old Route 108 and Ash Swamp Road in Newmarket on property abutting Newfields.

A meeting notice and agenda from the Rockingham Planning Commission were reviewed.

PSNH is holding a Seminar Series on Operations & Maintenance Best Practices for municipal, commercial, and industrial customers and the Town was invited to attend.

The Lamprey Regional Cooperative advised the Town that House Bill 416 was passed by the New Hampshire Legislature earlier this year. This Bill prohibits the disposal of mercury-added products from solid waste landfills, transfer stations, or incinerators effective January 1, 2008.

Town residents are hereby notified that all mercury-added products shall not be disposed of in household trash for curbside collections by the town's trash hauler. Items include, but are not limited to: consumer goods, switches, bulbs, thermostats, etc. These must be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste Day which is held on the first Saturday of October.

Selectman Wes Moore has been a Board Member of the Lamprey Regional Cooperative for over fifteen years and is currently serving as the treasurer.

The Social Security Administration notified the Selectmen that the Administrative Assistant has been given access to use their Business Services Online.

Correspondence from the Rockingham Planning Commission will be forwarded to the Town Planner and the Planning Board.

Correspondence from the State of New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning will be forwarded to the Town Planner.

The State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue sent their Assessment Review Guidelines to the Selectmen. It was noted that information should be updated this year on exemptions for Current Use, Veteran's Credit, and churches. The Elderly Exemptions will not be updated at this time as they were recently reviewed.

The Official Ballot for the Annual Town Election was reviewed for the revisions made at the Deliberative Session. The Selectmen approved the revisions as made by the Town Clerk.

The Selectmen reviewed the invoice from the auditors – Plodzik and Sanderson, PA. Bob Sanderson agreed to reduce some of the charges to the Town. Final payment will be made for the agreed balance due of \$3,025.00. The Town bill was reduced from \$14,750. to \$13,500.

Wes made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of January 29th, 2009 and the Minutes of the Public Hearing on Sidewalk Maintenance (held the same night) as written. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

It was noted that the 2007 Town Report has been printed. Hard copies are available at the Town Office and the Library. For the first time, the report is also posted on the Town's website – www.newfieldsnh.gov.

Both Wes and Nancy spoke with the contractor who will be replacing the front section of the Town Hall roof (if approved by the voters on Election Day). Ventilation is included in the original quote utilizing a ridge vent. He will also install two gable vents (if the Town decides they are necessary) at an approximate cost of \$500.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer